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SUBJ: BOGOTA SUMMIT OF PRESIDENTS AND CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT

1. THE AUGUST 5-6 BOGOTA "SUMMIT" CONFERENCE WAS CONVOKED HASTILY BY PANAMA'S GENERAL TORRIJOS PRIMARILY TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE BRIEF PORTION OF THE FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH DEALT WITH THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WAS CAREFULLY NEUTRAL, MILDLY OPTIMISTIC AND PRAISEFUL OF BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND GENERAL TORRIJOS. A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ' WELCOMING REMARKS TO THE FIVE CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO HIGHLY LAUDATORY OF PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. THE PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS, TITLED "SOVEREIGNTY OF PANAMA OVER ITS TERRITORY," STATED THAT THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE:
"A. PRAISE THE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES EFFECTED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN RECENT DAYS BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OVER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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JURISDICTIONAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE CANAL, WHICH ASSURE THE PROMPT CULMINATION OF THE TREATY THAT WILL PUT AN END TO A COLONIAL RESIDUE IN AMERICA AND SATISFY THE LEGITIMATE AND UNDELAYABLE ASPIRATION OF COLOMBIA TO RECOVER ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TOTALITY OF ITS TERRITORIES."
"B. TAKE NOTE OF THE EFFORTS WHICH HAVE DISTINGUISHED THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS, IN THE

NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS THE SPIRIT WHICH HAS GUIDED THE CONDUCT OF PRESIDENT CARTER IN THE HANDLING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE CANAL AND HIS OPPORTUNED UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE HAPPY TERMINATION OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN THIS HEMISPHERE."

"C. EXPRESS THEIR PLEASURE FOR THE SOLUTION AGREED UPON OVER THE SPECIAL TRANSIT RIGHTS THAT COLOMBIA HAS IN THE CANAL, SET FORTH IN THE ACT OF PANAMA OF MARCH 24, 1975, IN WHICH PANAMA EXPRESSED ITS DECISION TO GRANT SOVEREIGNTY TO COLOMBIA AND ALSO TO COSTA RICA, SPECIAL TRANSIT RIGHTS THROUGH THE CANAL."

3. PRESIDENT LOPEZ' REMARKS OF WELCOME ON AUGUST 5 TO HIS VISITORS WERE ALSO HIGHLY PRAISEFUL OF PRESIDENT CARTER. LOPEZ SAID "AND I WOULD NOT WISH TO CLOSE THESE BRIEF REMARKS WITHOUT MAKING, IN MY TURN, AN ELOGY TO THE PERSONALITY OF THE NORTHAMERICAN CHIEF OF STATE WHO HAS PRACTICED SO MUCH EFFORT IN SOLVING THIS PROBLEM WHICH IS NOT ONLY THAT OF PANAMA BUT OF THE ENTIRE HEMISPHERE."

4. "I THINK THAT PRESIDENT CARTER PROLONGS IN TIME THE TRADITION OF THE GREAT PROGRESSIVE AND HUMANITARIAN PRESIDENTS OF THE LINEAGE OF LINCOLN AND ROOSEVELT, TWO PRESIDENTS WHO DID NOT FEAR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REVOLUTION, AS CAN BE PROVEN BY THE MEXICAN REFORM LAWS THAT ALWAYS HAD THE SUPPORT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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LINCOLN OR WITH THE REFORMS OF PRESIDENT LAZARO CARDENAS, REFORMS AS RADICAL AS THE PETROLEUM EXPROPRIATION, UNTIL THEN UNKNOWN, THAT FOUND IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT AN ECHO SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH WE NOTE NOW FOR LATIN AMERICAN REVINDICATION ON THE LIPS OF PRESIDENT CARTER."

5. EMBASSY POUCHING TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE TO ARA/AND.
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